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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

A number of years ago I dropped phone service from AT&T, and internet service from Earthlink for a package consisting of both services from a local ISP, SonicNet. They were able to provide much better product and much better support at a much better price, which is exactly what competition in a free market is supposed to provide.

Your proposals to cater to the desires of well paid lobbyists and lawyers of Big Telecom will wreck the free market that all of you conservatives and libertarians pretend to pay homage to. Instead of letting that free market thrive and provide better solutions, you are advocating Corporate Socialism, a kind of top down management of the economy that reminds one of the Soviet Union, and not for our benefit, just the corporation's benefit.

As a government agency, aren't you obligated to put the needs of the American people before big entities like corporations? Why is it that the FCC always comes down on the side of large corporations whose lobbyists and lawyers can spit many mega dollars of money at you?

Please consider dropping this idea permanently and instead enact policies that promote the welfare of your own citizens within your realm of influence. Take OUR government off the Corporate Payroll. Thank you for your time.

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